

## PREMATURE BURIALS.

A Common Occurrence in Paris Cemeteries.

Any impression that stories about the frequency of premature burials are due to imagination would be speedily dispelled by a conversation with those stonemasons and florists located outside the gates of almost every great metropolitan cemetery, as well as with the gardeners and gravediggers of the latter.

These men, especially those employed at the huge Parisian necropolis of Pere La Chaise, have vast experience in the matter. Not only are they present at the exhumations continually being made, either by private parties or by the authorities, but they also take part in or witness the digging up of what is known here as the "fosse commune," that is to say, that part of God's Acre where all the paupers are interred. Every five years the "fosse commune" is dug up, the bones being either stored away in the crypt of some church or else sold for use in the refining of sugar, and the "fosse commune" is then in a condition to receive for another period of five years a fresh army of pauper dead.

As a rule, these florists, stonemasons and gravediggers are exceedingly reticent. But there are times when they become exceedingly communicative, and then they relate weird tales of coffins which, on being opened, bear inside the traces of bleeding finger marks and of the scratches of desperate finger nails, of bodies that are distorted, instead of reposing on their backs, as when laid in their coffins, and of faces distorted by agony—the agony of a person who awakes from a lethargy of consciousness only to find himself inclosed within the narrow walls of a coffin beneath the ground.

The men do not like to talk about it, for it is a gruesome subject. Besides, could any such stories be traced to them by their employers, they would at once be discharged. They have, therefore, no reason to appeal to their imaginations, no cause to exaggerate, but rather the reverse, and the consequence is that the tales they tell are regarded as below rather than above the truth.

Cases of premature burial are much more likely to happen in France, and, indeed, everywhere on the continent of Europe than in the United States, owing to the very stringent laws that prevail in the old world as to the speedy interment of the dead. Still, at the same time, these stories may serve to show that instances of premature burial are by no means so rare as doctors and undertakers would have the public believe. —N. Y. World.

## GREAT MONEY SPENDERS.

Americans Are Frugal in the Use of Wealth.

New Yorkers are wont to allege that nowhere else in America is the art of money spending so perfect. Without question there is no other spot which offers such a variety of choices for putting forth money. All possible tastes can be gratified here with no trouble of search at all. Aims the most refined and modest, the most artistic, the most literary and scientific, the most altruistic and beneficent—all find in New York the best opportunity on the hemisphere. But it takes the strongest individuality to follow them. There is no other place where the finer aims are so easily undermined. There is a constant and bewildering assault upon them. Are they worth while? This is the city of fun and splendor. Only the stout heart refuses to be beguiled by the type set by the lavish money spenders. Boston and New England are different. A wider variety of money-spending types are in easy evidence. Glitter dominates less in proportion to other things. Money saving and thrift are pretty important here. Education is always worth family self-denial. Families which in New York would spend their moderate income on high rents and carriage hire, in New England will prefer to spend it on modest trips abroad or in owning a suburban home. In short, it takes less spirit to follow out one's individuality in Boston than in New York, simply because a wider assortment of money-spending types are set by the well to do. Philadelphia differs also in its way. Glitter counts little there. At night many wealthy ladies in fullest evening toilet still go in the street cars; opera nights make Broad street like a foyer as the richest gowns discard carriages and coupes and scamper to the cars. The thrifty Quakers like to follow a type of saving cash into capital. Both Chicago and San Francisco are akin to New York in prodigality of money-spending. The same absorption in the idea of getting the largest amount of display and momentary pleasure prevails in both. Riches are esteemed for their power to produce splendor and to gratify the less cultivated whims. The great majority of the wealthy set the popular ideas by the spectacular ways in which they shovel out their fortunes. In both these cities we see New York's way carried further, though not refined by New York's imitiveness of the old world. —Illustrated American.

## Strange Funeral Customs.

"Localisms enter largely into death notices," remarked a funeral director. "In Pittsburgh few people believe that a death notice is complete unless there is attached to it the line 'Friends of the family,' etc. 'Widow of the late' is also very popular. In Philadelphia, where there is always lots of spare time, they run to 'poetry.' St. Louis people give the names of nearly all the surviving relatives. In New Orleans there is an odd custom. There the death notices are tacked to telegraph poles in the business district where the deceased worked or was known and in the neighborhood of his home. They have printed blanks for this purpose, and the undertaker fills them in and has them nailed up." Cincinnati dispatch.

When a person gets too dry to pop, it would be treated to a boiling hot bath, after which pop immediately.

## What is a Sailing Ship?

The average landsman may be surprised to hear that there is doubt as to what constitutes a sailing ship in the eye of the law. This question was raised in London the other day before a divisional court of admiralty. Mr. Commissioner Kerr held that a barge which had a jury sail up to assist the rowers was a sailing vessel, and held her in fault for a collision which occurred in Barking creek between her and a sailing barge, on the ground that she could and ought to have kept out of the way. Her owners appealed, and it was contended on their behalf that she could not reasonably be considered as a sailing vessel, because a vessel could only be a sailing vessel when it could comply with the rules laid down for sailing vessels, such as tacking to port and starboard. Besides, if she were a sailing vessel she would have to carry sidelights, and a canal barge with sidelights was a thing unheard of. The court did not think it necessary to decide this point, because the appellants' barge, having a motive power of two knots, could be kept out of the way by porting, and so dismissed the appeal with costs. The judges added that when the question of what was a sailing ship came to be decided it would have to be very carefully considered, as there were a number of important points to be determined. —Chicago Inter Ocean.

## A Point of Information.

Brown—If you're a good boy I'll give you one of those nice books like you get in Sunday school.

Little Johnny—Say, dad, what kind of a boy must I be to get a pair of skates? —N. Y. World.

## How It Was Divided.

Mudge—Oh, yes, we had a real lively time, Simmons and I. It cost us nearly \$50.

Wickwire—Yes, I saw Simmons this morning, and he told me he spent \$45. —Indianaapolis Journal.

## Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube gets inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

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A colored tramp named Dike Andrews was shot in the hip by the night watchman of the Illinois Central railroad at Kankakee while trying to steal a ride to Chicago.

Chicago, Pa., "Herald": Richard Vessel reports One Minute Cough Cure the greatest success of medical science. He told us that it cured his whole family of terrible coughs and colds, after all other so-called cures had failed entirely. Mr. Vessel said it assisted his children through a very bad siege of measles. One Minute Cough Cure makes expectation very easy and rapid. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krohn.

The Kankakee Stone and Lime company have pumped out their quarry and will set their crusher to work next week. The Illinois Central takes all their output of crushed stone for ballast.

A weed in the garden can be easily destroyed when it first starts. Consumption can be nipped in the bud by One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Krohn.

West Springfield is to have a new church. The congregation of Methodists which has been meeting there for some time has now organized with a membership of 115 and a Sunday school of 135.



Seemingly sane women are every day dragged down into an engulfing ocean of despair, because they try to fight disease without help. They wear their whole bodies out battling with some debilitating disease of the organs distinctly feminine. They become weak and pale and thin and worn, enduring a martyrdom of pain. Help is at hand for those who choose to take it. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription will infallibly cure womanly ills. It is designed for that purpose alone. It acts directly and quickly on the organs involved and restores them to health and vigor. This is proven by the triumphant record of tens of thousands of cures. It is successful when all else has failed. After the abhorrent local treatments of the doctors have proven useless, the "Favorite Prescription" does its marvelous work, bringing comfort and happiness. It is the one thing that can always be depended upon.

Mrs. Eugene Stantzenberg, of No. 1601 Walker Avenue, Houston, Texas, writes: "With a most thankful heart I will tell you about the wonderful cure effected in the case of my mother. She has been a perfect wreck for seven long years. No woman can describe what she has suffered. Could not sleep on account of severe pains. To tell the truth, she has lived with one foot in her grave. She tried every doctor around here and spent hundreds of dollars without benefit. After hearing of your wonderful remedies I wrote to you. My mother has taken six bottles of the 'Favorite Prescription,' and six of the 'Golden Medical Discovery,' and is now perfectly cured."

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Munyon's Cold Cure cures colds in the head, colds on the lungs, old colds, new colds, and asthmatic colds, and all forms of grip. Stops sneezing, discharges from the nose and eyes, prevents catarrh, diphtheria, pneumonia and all throat and lung troubles. These pleasant little pills are absolutely harmless. Have saved thousands of lives and prevented much sickness. Price 25c.

## MUNYON'S

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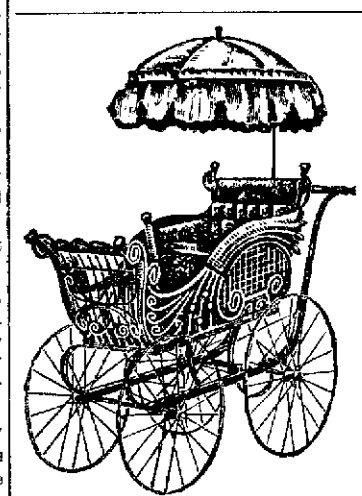
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If you are troubled with catarrh, asthma or headache, use the German medicament, a perfect cure. mar 16dtf

The College street chapel social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Love last night was well attended. April fool games afforded great amusement.

The best spring tonic for that tired feeling is DeSoto's Celery Nerve Tonic at West's drug store. 75c.—23-dtf

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:32 a. m.

The Grand Opera House cigars made by Johnny Weigand are the best in town. mar 25-dtf

The Western Union telegraph messenger boys will soon appear in their new uniforms. The first fine day they will blossom in their new suits.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodat's News House.—14-dtf

In the Garver estate there are about \$20,000 to divide among the heirs. There has been considerable litigation for several years. The costs will be about \$4000.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedsman fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 223 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—14-dtf

The Walter L. Main circus is booked to appear in Decatur on April 29. It has wintered at Geneva, O., and will show for the first time this season at Ashtabula, O., on April 17. This show has thirty cars.

Seed sweet potatoes, wholesale and retail, 223 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.

Manager Given has engaged Kellar, the magician, to appear at the opera house next Christmas, matinee and night. Kellar will give his big show that day and he will certainly pack the house from pit to dome.

Mary A. Purdue filed in the circuit court yesterday a bill for divorce from her husband, William Purdue. She declares they were married November 26, 1885, that he soon after began to abuse her and has been a drunkard and has committed adultery. Harry Pason is the attorney for the complainant.

Buy your flower and garden seeds at W. H. Gullett & Son's flower store. They keep the best. Plant your sweet peas early. Do it now, no delay. Stiff clay soil is best for them. W. H. Gullett & Son, 2111 N. Main street.—30-dtf

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A meeting of the on education of the Decatur Presbytery of the Cumberland Presbyterian church met in Decatur yesterday. Those present were Rev. A. G. Bergen of Mattoon, Rev. T. D. McAnis of Bethany and Rev. S. L. Kenner of Boody. They considered the course of study to be prescribed for candidates for their ministry and the raising of funds for carrying on their work.

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### DECATUR VICTORIOUS.

The Home Team Defeats the Young Ladies from Bloomington at Basket Ball.

The basket ball game played in this city yesterday by the young ladies of Decatur and Bloomington resulted in a victory for the home team. The score was 9 to 4. Early in the season the Decatur girls went to Bloomington where they were handsomely entertained by the Bloomington team and yesterday they endeavored to repay the obligation. In spite of the fact that their opponents were their guests the Decatur girls played hard against them as they were especially anxious to beat on account of having been defeated at Bloomington.

The attendance was large, the Gnarri's armory where the contest took place, being crowded. There was rough playing and the game was free from any objectionable features but the young ladies on both sides fought their ground every inch of the way and exhibited a surprising amount of activity and alertness. The players, in fact, worked with all their might and seemed to enjoy themselves greatly. The spectators were quite enthusiastic and were quick to applaud when a good play was made. The Decatur girls had a yell which was given by their followers and this was always answered by a number of young men from the Wesleyan college who were among those from Bloomington in attendance at the game.

In the first half Decatur played toward the north goal. The ball went from one end of the hall to the other several times. Attempts were made by both sides to get the ball in the basket but they failed. After some play Miss Haefler threw a goal for Bloomington and Miss Leon Moore twice put the ball in the basket, making the score 4 to 3. Once the ball was given to Decatur on account of Bloomington's foul but Decatur failed to make the goal. Twice Decatur was given a point on account of a foul, making the score 6 to 2. During the first half the ball was most of the time near the Decatur goal.

In the beginning of the second half the ball went toward Decatur's goal and Miss Moore again put it in the basket. On a foul the ball went to Decatur but it was not put in the basket. The ball was then rapidly played from one end of the room to the other and attempts were made by both sides to score. When the ball was near the Bloomington goal one of the players, in attempting to throw it in the basket held the ball too long and it was given to Decatur. This gave the latter the privilege of a chance to throw it in the basket from the field and the play was successfully made by Miss Moore. A few moments before the end of the game Bloomington made another basket and when time was called the score was 9 to 4 in favor of Decatur.

The home team had some strong players in several places. Miss Madge Hays, who played center generally stopped the ball when it came her way and did good work rolling it on the floor. Miss Lena Ulrich stopped the ball well and Miss Leon Moore made a splendid record throwing the ball into the basket. The young ladies from Bloomington are well trained and did some remarkably good playing. Miss Haefler did good work and Miss Miller, who played guard was very skillful in stopping the ball. The game was umpired by Sidney Covington and A. L. Clark was the referee. The players and their positions were as follows:

Decatur line-up:  
Anne Roby—Center guard.  
Jane Roby—Right guard.  
Leone Moore—Center home.  
Madge Hays—Left center.  
Cordelia Williams—Center.  
Kate Harwood—Right home.  
Ida Voorhies—Left home.  
Lena Ulrich—Right center.  
Clara Greene—Left guard.  
Substitutes—Myrtle Wheeler and Grace Hamsher.

Bloomington line-up:  
Minnie Robinson—Center front.  
Stella Haefler—Left front.  
Lillian Arnold—Right front.  
Minnie Mountz—Left center.  
Flora Jones—Center.  
Clara DeMotte—Right center.  
Grace Mountz—Left guard.  
Ollie Miller—Center guard.  
Lizzie Fuller—Right guard.

Last evening the Decatur girls entertained the members of the Bloomington team at a euchre party at the Decatur club. The occasion was a pleasant one for the young ladies of both clubs and the game and entertainment was greatly enjoyed by the participants.

Busted.

More than 150 fire insurance companies discontinued business during 1896. A few reinsured but most of them are utterly bankrupt and their policies are worth no more than so much waste paper. We are convinced many such policies are held in this city and the holders are ignorant that the policies are absolutely worthless. We have just received the latest report of Mr. Durfee, the Insurance Superintendent of Illinois, showing the standing of all the companies authorized to do business in this state, and we believe it advisable for every policy holder of any company to bring same to our office and learn the standing of the company insuring the same. We will gladly furnish the information without charge. Please note that all companies represented by us are reported in excellent condition—we never represent any others.

No. 184 North Water street.  
2-dtf Kuny, Johns & Strohm.

Be kind to the chickens and give them Irwin's poultry powder.

## THE OPPOSITION.

Meeting of Citizens to Confer About Naming a Rival Ticket.

MASS MEETING TO BE HELD TO-NIGHT

Will Meet at Abbott's Hall—Preliminary Conference at J. C. Hostetler's Office—Names of Those Present—Committee.

By appointment a number of citizens gathered at J. C. Hostetler's law office last night to confer as to what plan should be followed in placing in nomination candidates for city offices in opposition to the ticket put up by the Republican city convention. Those present at the meeting were D. S. Shellabarger, D. H. Heitman, Dr. J. N. Randall, W. H. Starr, L. P. Graham, Charles Lindsay, W. L. Shellabarger, S. S. Jack, Dr. Longergan, Dr. J. W. Sanders, H. C. Schwab, J. A. Dawson, H. S. Edwards, W. E. R. Kell, M. C. Irish, Frank Ewing, A. G. Webber, Rev. A. W. Hawkins, W. H. Sutfren, J. H. Krebs, W. P. Lindsay, E. R. Bradley, J. H. Conradt, W. T. Wells, W. F. Vaughn, A. M. Taylor, Frank Sutfren, H. M. Bragg, Ed Denz and J. W. Bradford.

The chairman of the meeting was W. L. Shellabarger and S. S. Jack was elected secretary.

The call for the meeting had been issued by W. H. Sutfren, who stated that it had been done at the suggestion of a number of citizens who believed that politics should be eliminated from city affairs, that good men might be elected to look after the best interests of the city.

Dr. J. N. Randall endorsed the movement and said that politics should not enter into a city election. He wanted a good administration. He suggested that it would take hard work and that it would require money to win in the proposed contest.

D. S. Shellabarger agreed with Dr. Randall, and emphasized the point that it would take hard and earnest work to achieve success. He was in favor of a clean fight conducted with energy and determination.

S. S. Jack remarked that he was in the municipal movement two years ago and that he had voted the ticket. He was opposed to political contests in city affairs.

A. G. Webber wanted a good, clean administration, and said that he would support good men for city offices without regard to their politics. He said that two years ago the municipal club had made a good showing and he believed that with the proper effort a clean ticket could be elected.

H. M. Bragg said that it was his understanding that the Democrats would not nominate candidates for city offices.

W. H. Starr said he would give a good ticket his support although it was a little late now to begin. He said there was considerable discontent among the Republicans. A strong, determined fight should be made.

W. T. Wells gave the movement his endorsement and said he would support the ticket.

H. H. Heitman expressed himself as opposed to the Republican ticket.

Dr. Sanders, a properly selected ticket would be successful at the polls.

Will Lindsay said that the clean ticket would and should win.

Decision.

A. G. Webber offered a motion that it be the sense of the meeting that an independent city ticket be nominated if one can be named that will be acceptable; seconded by W. H. Sutfren. The motion was adopted.

Chairman Shellabarger was instructed to name a committee of seven, one from each ward, to select candidates for endorsement.

The meeting adjourned to assemble this evening at Abbott's hall. It is to be a mass meeting to all who are in favor of a clean ticket as opposed to the Republican ticket.

Rev. Howe's Address.

Lincoln Herald: The ladies of the M. E. church held a supper on Thursday evening which resulted in receipts of about \$25 for the foreign missionary work. Following the supper was a musical program and an address by Rev. D. F. Howe of Decatur. He has himself been a missionary and his topic related to missions, though it was widely different from the ordinary out-come on the subject, being a beautiful series of word pictures, with an occasional digression among which were his scathing references to the Nevada prize fight. The supper was a remarkably good one.

Why Not?

The fans of Jacksonville have not given up the idea of having a base ball team, even if they could not get into the Western Association. They are talking of organizing a semi-professional state league including Decatur, Springfield, Bloomington and Joliet.

Seed Distribution. New seed store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 138 East Wood street.—9-dw&tf

Lost is not over and you can get anything in the fish line at Pearl Oyster & Fish Co. Tel. 844.—31-48a.

### DEAD IN A DOCTOR'S OFFICE.

An Unusual Case at Atwood—Was Mrs. Gabbury Buried Alive?

The Home Register of this week contains a singular story of a fatality at the town of Atwood. The Register says:

Mrs. James Gabbury died suddenly and the circumstances surrounding her death have caused a great talk and even excitement in that village. She had been in good health and had on the morning of her death put out a big washing at her house, six miles northwest of Atwood. With her husband she went to the office of Dr. Bennfield. The husband went out for a few minutes. When he came back the doctor told him that his wife had had a spasm and was then unconscious. He was then trying to revive her. He said she had said nothing after her husband went out but had fallen over as if in a faint. Finally he said that the husband had better call another doctor. Dr. Ridout was called and he said that the woman was dead and had been dead twenty minutes. The body was removed to the home of U. S. Gharrett and the funeral set for 11 o'clock Friday morning. It was noticed that the body remained warm, the cheeks of a healthy color and the lips pink. This caused considerable comment all day Friday, when the time came for moving the body to the church the women present raised the most strenuous objections and said that the funeral should not be held. It was then put off for one day. Up to Saturday a short time before the hour for the funeral the body was warm and there was no change in its appearance. There was much discussion among the people of the town as to whether or not the woman was really dead. Two doctors examined the body very carefully and said there was no doubt that life was extinct. This did not stop the talk and even after the funeral that day some expressed the fear, so it is said, that the woman was still alive. They fear that she was buried alive. The doctors explained the life-like appearance by saying that she was an unusually large and healthy woman and that there was an unusually slight change after death, but insist that there is no reason for the stories being circulated. An inquiry as to the cause of death, somewhat informal was held by Justice of the Peace J. W. Merritt at Atwood and the doctors testified. They said death was caused by heart disease.

### ILLINOIS BARBERS ORGANIZE.

Form a State Association at Their Convention at Springfield.

The barbers' state convention Tuesday permanently organized a state association and elected officers as follows: President, R. C. Hoy, Chicago; vice president, G. R. Roseman, Galesburg; W. A. Rice, Alton; C. A. Deck, Springfield; A. Lohnes, Peoria; and Louis Stamm, Morton; secretary, O. C. Elgholz, Chicago; treasurer, Henry Beuch, Chicago. The next meeting will be held at Peoria on the first Monday in August.

### Bought a Fair Ground.

C. W. Williams, the horseman, who is well known in this city and throughout central Illinois, has bought the grounds and property of the Galesburg Fair association where he has been quartering his famous stable of horses for three years. It is understood that the cost of the land was \$19,000 to \$20,000, and that on Friday Mr. Williams turned over this much in cash. This clears away every incumbrance on the land. Under the terms of the contract Mr. Williams was given the option of the purchase of the track at the end of three years at the land valuation, and it is this of which he has availed himself. Mr. Williams, it is understood, has decided on one large meeting this fall and it is likely that a summer meeting will also be given.

### Lost His Property.

It is thought at Wayneville that Eddie Cook, whose trial for the murder of Minnie Bennett and her child of Marcella will come up again at Havana in August, has been forced to sacrifice all or nearly all of his property in making his defense. He had about 200 acres of land worth probably \$12,000, and this is said to be gone. His mother, a widow, died about a year ago, her death being apparently hastened by this trouble. Though he had four brothers and sisters, the will left all the property to him, the black sheep of the family.

### Base Ball Chat.

The Battle Ax club has reorganized for the coming season. Eddie Kennedy is the captain.

The Western Union telegraph boys will organize a club and play games with any boys of their age.

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## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Decatur Township—Election April 6.

Supervisor—HENRY F. MAY.  
Assistant Supervisors—JOHN ALLEN,  
—W. H. SPENCE,  
—F. W. KIPP,  
—GEORGE W. STOV,  
—J. H. RECORD.Town Clerk—A. H. COPE.  
Assessor—W. W. FOSTER.  
Collector—L. M. HARTIN.  
Justices of the Peace—GEORGE P. HARDY,  
—O. W. SMITH,  
—P. B. PROVOST,  
—W. H. SHORE,  
—JAMES O'MARA.Constables—HARRY K. MIDKIFF,  
—W. W. CONARD,  
—T. L. ANTRIM,  
—JOHN LEID,  
—BUNN BOST.Commissioner—WILLIAM BUNDY.  
Foundmaster—GREENBERRY MARTIN.

## REPUBLICAN CITY TICKET.

City Election April 20, 1897.

Mayor—B. Z. TAYLOR.  
Clerk—JOHN A. REEVE.  
Attorney—JAMES M. LEE.  
Treasurer—MONT FENIWELL.  
Aldermen—First Ward, R. J. WAGY.  
—Second Ward, F. M. YOUNG.  
—Third Ward, JAMES KEEFE.  
—Fourth Ward, ALBERT AMMANN.  
—Fifth Ward, J. W. KNOWLTON.  
—Sixth Ward, JOHN G. WATSON.  
—Seventh Ward, L. DRAKE.

## WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, April 2.—Cloudy; local show-  
ers tonight and Saturday; fresh easterly  
winds.

## The Secret of Moody's Power.

The Chicago Times-Herald: The tremen-  
dous crowds of all sorts and condi-  
tions of humanity that seek admission to  
Mr. Moody's meetings at the Auditorium  
furnish a marked illustration of the fact  
that the simple gospel, when presented by  
a man who understands the human heart,  
has not lost its power over the masses.  
The spectacle of a great audience of 13,000  
souls, with 6000 on the outside clamoring  
for admittance drawn together by the  
power of a man who can sway thousands  
with a sermon on the "Ten Command-  
ments," is one so unusual in these mod-  
ern times of scholarly infidelity that it  
may well challenge the attention of those  
who sometimes ponder over the apparent  
decadence of religious zeal.Mr. Moody's work is the triumph of  
the simple gospel over theology. The  
great evangelist depends for his success  
upon the power of the gospel, when prop-  
erly presented, to reach the human heart  
and ultimately to exercise a controlling  
influence over human conduct. He pro-  
ceeds upon the theory that a code of ethics  
upon which a safe society and a wise gov-  
ernment can be built can only be estab-  
lished by reaching the human heart  
through the gracious admonitions and  
precepts of the Great Teacher. That the  
theory is a sound one is demonstrated by  
eighteen hundred years of human history  
and experience.If human conduct can be controlled and  
a high standard of civilization maintain-  
ed through any other instrumentality  
than the gospel, human philosophy and  
science have not yet furnished the scheme.  
The effort to make men good by legisla-  
tion has proved a monumental failure.  
The best law can do is to fix penalties  
and mark down the lines of restriction.  
It cannot regenerate the human heart,  
from which proceeds all the impulses that  
finally express themselves in conduct.Herein lies the secret of Moody's power.  
He does not stop by the wayside to par-  
ley with the scientific unbelievers. He  
knows that religion is not a matter of sci-  
ence. The emotions are not to be ex-  
plained by mathematical laws—and yet  
love and hate and sorrow and gladness are  
all potential factors in our human con-  
duct. Because Mr. Moody cannot under-  
stand why the same sunlight makes one  
rose pink and another one white does not  
make him an unbeliever. He knows  
that science can analyze the tear drop, but  
it cannot explain why it falls upon the  
coffin lid.The efficacy of christianity must be  
judged by its power to shape the conduct  
of men. Science is pitifully impotent in  
its efforts to provide a substitute for it.  
Human theology and abolitionism should  
not be allowed to obscure its beauty or  
weaken its power.There was considerable doubt in the  
minds of many congressmen as to the con-  
stitutionality of the retroactive provision  
of the new tariff bill making it applicable  
to all goods imported after April 1, but  
the further the matter was investigated  
the greater was the number of believers  
in its constitutionality and perhaps a ma-  
jority of the best lawyers in congress are  
now satisfied that it will stand the test of  
the courts. In any event it will put a  
check upon abnormal importations in an-  
teicipation of the increased duties.Latest reports are to the effect that  
Weyler will at once order the Cuban gen-  
eral, Rivera, recently wounded and cap-  
tured, to be shot. This is only another  
evidence that Spain has not learned how  
to groom and should not longer hold Cu-  
ba. If Rivera is shot it will anger the  
Cubans and will not strengthen the Span-  
ish cause. On the other hand if Rivera  
were treated as a prisoner of war in charge  
of a civilized nation it would make  
friends for Spain even among the Cu-  
bans.The new administration starts in well  
along the financial line. The first month  
shows a surplus in the treasury of \$9,004,-  
664. This is a good showing considering  
the fact that the last month of Cleveland  
ended with a deficiency of \$1,896,053, but  
the present surplus is probably largely  
due to the threat of the new tariff which  
has stimulated importations under the  
lower duties of the Wilson bill.The Turkish army confronting the  
Greek army on the frontier means that  
there will be a few battles before the  
allied powers can "preserve the peace of  
Europe."The tariff bill went through the house  
on time and had to the credit of protec-  
tion five Democratic votes from the south,  
Texas and Louisiana.The new tariff bill shuts out shoddy  
which was one of the articles imported  
under the Wilson bill to be manufactured  
into cloth for our people.Evangelist Moody has lost none of his  
power and is holding thousands spell-  
bound in Chicago to hear the story of the  
cross.The State University and the Legislature.  
On Friday, March 18, the State Univer-  
sity was visited by the appropriation com-  
mittee of the senate and house of repre-  
sentatives and by several senators and  
representatives. The morning was occu-  
pled by the visitors in inspecting the vari-  
ous departments of the university. In  
the afternoon there was an assembly of  
faculty and students in the chapel.  
Speeches were made by Senators Dunlap,  
Bogardus and Hull, and by Representa-  
tives Menzies, Allen, Perry and Marquis.  
These members who visited the university  
for the first time seemed to be particularly  
impressed by the extent and quality of its  
work.The feeling was very generally expressed  
that in spite of unfortunate conditions  
in the treasury, the needs of the univer-  
sity are too important to be neglected,  
that the honor of the state demands the  
building up of a state university at least  
equal in equipment and general efficiency  
to those of Minnesota, Wisconsin or Mich-  
igan.

## Fred Warde.

The engagement of Frederick Warde at  
Powers Grand opera house on Saturday  
night in Damon & Pythias will be the  
first occasion that Danim's magnetite play  
has been presented here with special  
scenic effects and will be a memorable  
one in the history of the play. The scenic  
features are: A public street in Syra-  
cuse, the senate chamber, garden of Da-  
mon's house and the execution scene in  
the last act.Mr. Warde has played Damon more  
often than any other living actor and he  
excels in the character. The engagement  
on Saturday night promises to be a most  
prosperous one and the local lodges of  
Knights of Pythias will be largely in at-  
tendance.J. M. Hughes & Co. at Durfee &  
Bros.' old stand have a choice stock  
of fresh garden and flower seeds.  
Give them a call. feb23-d&wf

## Supt. Garrett's Office Force.

Superintendent W. A. Garrett of the  
Wabash railroad company has all of his  
furniture in place in the Bohon building  
and began business April first. The office  
force is W. F. McEwen, chief clerk; E.  
Solah, resident engineer, and J. D. Beach,  
A. M. Hunter, B. C. Cheney, Frank Mar-  
shall, M. R. Marin, C. B. Sanford, H. C.  
Cecil and Miss L. E. Stout, clerks. Sev-  
eral of the clerks have families.

## Garden Seeds.

Just received a large stock of all kinds  
of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden  
seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s.—  
Jan 29-d&wf

## Married.

At his office by Justice Oden April 1,  
Charles Cavanaugh and Miss Anna M.  
Fry, both of Decatur.

## Y. M. C. A. Extra.

Baptist church Monday and Tuesday  
nights. Reserved seats at Curtis' Friday,  
8:30.—1-dt2.Decatur lawyers generally approve the  
act of the legislature in consolidating the  
Illinois supreme court, locating it at  
Springfield.Next Sunday night Rev. D. R. Mac-  
Gregor will begin a series of sermons to  
young men at the Baptist church.There are fifty-seven prisoners confined  
in the Peoria work house, most of them  
engaged in making brooms.

## PARKE &amp; SON

SEWER PIPE.

TILE.

DECATUR ILL.

CEMENT, LIME, COAL.

## GROCER'S SOLILOQUY.

The old story  
They throw samples about town  
Loaded me up with goods  
At less price than the genuine  
Said could make more money  
I did not get bit  
Must work off the stock  
To get my money out,  
It grinds the  
To tell an old customer  
The imitation is "just as good"  
Drives them away sometimes.  
About 400 Cereal Coffees  
Have sprung up all over  
To imitate the original  
Postum Cereal Food Coffee.  
Every man out of a job  
Thinks he can make it  
Just brown some Rice or Barley  
And there you are  
A "Cereal Coffee"  
"Just as good as Postum"  
Make pretty package  
Sample the town  
Lead up the grocer  
I did not get bit  
A fortune for every fool  
In four days.  
People find out  
All that kind of rubbish  
Tastes flat and unpalatable  
It took over a year  
Of scientific experiment  
To perfect Postum  
The only original palatable  
Pure Cereal Coffee  
In existence.  
When properly made it has  
The color of Mocha  
The taste of Java  
The elements nature uses  
To reblend the gray matter  
In the nerve cells.  
Postum is a Hygienic  
Pure liquid food  
Does not spoil  
Is sold to imitate it  
But if customers would look  
For red seals on packages and  
Registered U. S. trade mark  
They would secure the genuine.  
Some good grocers' names  
Get smothered, when used  
For "kitties' paws" to make chestnuts  
For some "just as good"  
As Postum Cereal Food Coffee  
Plain, sober common honesty  
And genuine goods in stock  
Is the safe way.  
It might pay to throw  
All that imitation away  
A short sighted grocer will  
Grind away on the counterfeits  
Until his money is back.  
A keen, clean grocer  
Will sell only the genuine  
And keep customers.Feared He Would be Buried Alive.  
Wabash, Ind., April 2.—A gruesome  
deed was performed at the National Sol-  
diers' Home near Marion, when Dr.  
Charles H. Eckert, with a long and keen  
surgical needle, four times penetrated  
the heart of Charles Comston, who died  
Saturday of a clot of blood on the brain.  
The dead man's father had been buried  
alive and this fact so preyed upon Com-  
ston's mind that he lived in dread of  
meeting the same horrible fate. Years  
ago, when Comston was a wealthy prop-  
erty owner and Dr. Eckert a beginner as a  
medical practitioner in Fort Wayne, the  
two entered into an agreement that in  
case of Comston's death Eckert was to  
perform this horrible post-mortem service  
for him, that he might not have to under-  
go the awful tortures presumably suffered  
by his father in the grave.

## Nearly Finished.

The patrol house opposite the court  
house is nearly finished and today the po-  
lice who drive the wagon were practicing  
with the orses. The two stalls for the  
horses are situated behind the wagon.  
The same rope which rings the gong is  
also connected with a spring which opens  
the doors of the horse stalls. When the  
horses run out and stand in front of the  
wagon another rope manipulates the har-  
ness and lets it down on the horses' feet.  
A rope which is reached from the  
seat of the wagon opens the front doors.  
When everything is in working order the  
patrol can be brought out of the barn as  
quickly as the fire wagons. In the back  
part of the house is a room for the driver  
who sleeps there at night. The building  
is of brick and frame with cement floor.

## Sales of Real Estate.

Lawrence Welsh to John J. Bradley,  
west half of the southwest quarter of sec-  
tion 3, also the east half of the southwest  
quarter of section 4, all in 14, 2, east,  
\$12,600.  
Catherine L. Wood to Harry Shlauden-  
man, lots 1 and 2 in block 4 in Standard  
Mills first addition to Decatur.

## Funeral of James Cochran.

The funeral of the late James Cochran  
was held this morning at 9 o'clock from  
the Catholic church at Niantic. The ser-  
vices were largely attended. The burial  
took place at the cemetery southwest of  
Niantic.—Miss Olive Harpell will leave tonight  
for Covington, Ky., in response to a tele-  
gram announcing the dangerous illness  
of her sister, Mrs. Clark.

## Marriage License.

John Cavanaugh, Decatur, 22.  
Anna Fry, Decatur, 19.

## Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts  
Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum,  
Fever Bore, Tetter, Chapped Hands,  
Ointment, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions,  
and positively cures Piles, or no pay re-  
quired. It is guaranteed to give perfect  
satisfaction, or money refunded. Price  
25 cents per box. For sale by E. A.  
West, the druggist.James Glick, a well-known blacksmith  
at Argenta, died at his home early Mon-  
day morning, aged about 40 years. His  
death was due to inflammatory rheumat-  
ism.Something for burns, scalds, chapped  
hands and lips. Healing for cuts and  
sores. Instant relief for piles, stops pain  
at once. These are the virtues of  
DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. A. J.  
Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N.  
L. Krone.

## SATURDAY...

Another Bargain Day for the Boys and Girls

## At THE BIG STORE.

...GIRLS' REEFERS—Special for Saturday...

The many cool, damp days of spring time make these little coats extra  
valuable. They protect without being cumbersome—and this year they  
are unusually cheap.

WE ARE HEADQUARTERS FOR THESE GOODS.

A splendid little coat (2 to 6 years) made of light weight Ladies' Cloth,  
Reefer Front and Ripple Back, in Navy, Red and Tan,  
Saturday.....50c and 75c50c Two-Piece Suits for Girls, neat spring mixtures and popular solid  
colors, for Saturday.....\$3.98

## BOYS' CLOTHING--Unusual Chances.

Fit your boy out in a bright new suit for less money than you have ever  
paid before.Boys' 2-piece Suits (4 to 14 years) in neat mixtures of staple colors—good  
serviceable suit like you pay \$1.50 for—Saturday.....95c

Boys' Gray Cheviot Pants (5 to 14 years) the 25c kind—Saturday, pair.....17c

Boys' Blue Overalls (4 to 14 years), Saturday, pair.....23c

Boys' 15c Golf Caps, Saturday.....9c

Boys' 50c Golf Caps, Saturday.....25c

## HOSIERY QUOTATIONS.

Wonderful Values for Saturday in Children's Goods.

Children's Fast Black Seamless Hose, fine quality, all sizes, Saturday.....10c pair

Boys' Extra Heavy Bicycle Hose, regular price 25c, Saturday.....15c pair

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Real Bargains here of such magnitude that economical mother will readily see that here is  
the place to buy.

BOYS' SHIRT WAISTS (4 to 12 years), made of Percale and Neat Prints, the 35c kind, for Saturday.....25c

BOYS' WINDSOR TIES in Pretty Plaids, Checks, Stripes, etc., good length, the 25c kind, for Saturday.....15c

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Bargains for the big  
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of all kinds, colors, shapes,  
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HATS that will fit both  
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Vestee, Sailor and Reefer style, of all the  
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...FROM \$2.25 TO \$5.00...

This department of ours appeals particu-  
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STOCK IS NOW IN.New Novelties in  
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## SPECIAL

## FOR SATURDAY

## TOPSY HOSIERY SALE.

Ladies' Topsy fast black Hose, seamless,  
with double heels and toes, in-  
stead of 12½c, go for, a pair.....8cLadies' 20c fast black Topsy Hose, high  
spliced heels, double soles and  
toes, seamless, for a pair.....12½cChildren's 10c heavy Ribbed  
Hose.....5cBoys' heavy ribbed Bicycle Hose, the  
celebrated Topsy fast black, in-  
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day, a pair.....3cMen's 12½c fine Mixed Hose, Sat-  
urday, a pair.....8½cMen's fast black Topsy Hose, seamless,  
double heels and toes, worth  
10c, Saturday, a pair.....10c

For Saturday Only 39c.

Men's Unlaundered White Shirts, just  
20 dozen; all linen very fine bosoms,  
with double back and front, contin-  
uous patent facings and stay-  
ings, Saturday, each.....39cMen's 40c Laundered Percalé  
Shirts, Saturday only.....25c

## ONLY 98c.

Ladies' Ready Made black broad-  
cloth Dress Skirts, well made and  
bound with velvet.....98c

Ladies' \$3.00 Dress Skirts.....\$1.98

Saturday

## FOR \$4.98.

Ladies' Black Broadcloth Silk  
Skirts, worth \$7.50, Saturday.....\$4.98Ladies' \$9.00 Black Broadcloth  
Silk Skirts for.....\$5.39Ladies' Black Mire Velour  
Skirts for \$5.98 and.....\$7.98

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159 EAST MAIN

## GEO. W. JONES

for Spring

We have a few Spring Overcoats to close  
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\$ 6.50 Spring Overcoat, \$4.00, | \$10.00

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—SIZES 33 TO 44

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Have arrived—the most Fancy and Durable  
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## MILLINERY

DISPLAY

Visit our Spring MILLINERY Display

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## For the Boys and Girls

### BIG STORE.

or Saturday...

These little coats extra  
us—and this year they

THESE GOODS.

weight Ladies' Cloth,  
and Tan,  
...50c and 75c

res and popular solid  
...\$3.98

THING--Unusual Chances.

ew suit for less money than you have ever

in neat mixtures of staple colors—good  
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CAPES.

Ladies' \$3.50 Black Brocaded  
Silk Capes for... \$1.98

Ladies' \$4.00 Velvet Capes, trim-  
med with jet, for... 2.43

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Silk Capes, Saturday... 2.98

Ladies' Cloth Capes... 1.25

For 75c, 98c and...

SATURDAY'S BIG  
BARGAINS IN NOTIONS.

FREE—Bring your coupons and get  
Wool Soap absolutely free.

3 cakes of Buttermilk Soap for... 5c

10c bottle of Ammonia for... 5c

Toilet Paper, a roll... 2c

5 cent Writing Tablets... 3c

5c package of Envelopes... 2c

5c Lead Pencils, with rubber tips... 1c

20c fancy handles Hair Brushes... 9c

50c Hand Satchels for... 23c

Ladies' fine Leather Belts for... 8c

Side Combs, a pair... 3c

75c Ladies' elegant Corsets for... 49c

Full Line of Warner's and Thomp-  
son's glove fitting Corsets at the lowest  
prices. We carry the "Farris" Waist,  
the best in the world.

KID GLOVES.

\$1.00 Kid Glove, Saturday... 69c

\$1.25 Kid Gloves, warranted, in new  
blood, black, tans and browns, 98c  
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Have arrived—the most Fancy and Durable Clothing in the city at prices  
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Visit our Spring MILLINERY Display while out shopping.

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PITH AND POINT.

—There is only one part of a man that  
feels better on Monday than it felt on  
Saturday, and that is his corn.—Atchi-  
son Globe.

—Teacher—"Give an example of the  
use of the word 'contagious'?" Pupil  
—"Street cars are not contagious. They  
are hard to catch."—Boston Transcript.

—"De trouble 'bout er man's makin'  
a reg'lar practice o' findin' fault," said  
Uncle Eben, "is dat he gits mo' an' mo'  
expert in 'is business, de demand for  
is goods gits less an' less."—Washing-  
ton Star.

—Gadsby—"I suspect they've got a  
baby up at Norris' house." Wadkins—  
—"What makes you think that?" Gads-  
by—"Oh, nothing in particular; only I  
haven't heard him brag about his dog  
for a day or two."—Boston Transcript.

—Over Styx—"Socrates," said Solom-  
on, "you are known as a wise man.  
What really did you know?" "Noth-  
ing," said Socrates. "And that, my  
dear Solomon, is my only reason for  
saying that I knew as much as you did."  
—Harper's Bazar.

—The men-haters say that when a girl  
lights her parlor fire stated evenings,  
and curls her hair, that she is going on  
a "wolf hunt." They claim that she  
is likely not to get anything in the  
round-up, and that if she does get any-  
thing, it will be as useless as a wolf.—  
Atchison Globe.

—The Doctor—"Mrs. Brown has sent  
for me to go and see her boy, and I  
must go at once." His Wife—"What is  
the matter with the boy?" "I don't  
know," but Mrs. Brown has a book on  
"What to Do Before the Doctor Comes,"  
and I must hurry up before she does  
it."—Household Words.

—Flannigan—"I met a man last week,  
and, bedad, I'd have sworn it was your-  
self." O'Toole—"And wasn't it?" Flannigan—"Never a bit! But he was your  
very image, barrin' he was a trifle gray.  
I suppose, now, ye haven't such a thing  
as a twin brother a few years older  
than yourself?"—Tit-Bits.

A WOMAN'S LAUGHTER.

It is More Like a Child's Than a  
Man's.

Women do not, as a rule, laugh at  
jokes. They generally laugh to reward  
the teller of a good thing, and not for  
mirth at the thing told. In this way a  
woman fulfills a most definite duty, for  
she laughs even when the story does not  
come off well. Her laugh would not be  
so temperate or so punctual if it de-  
pended upon a sense of humor. It is  
scarcely between a child's laughter  
and a man's, but most like a child's.  
At almost every stage of his early years  
a child laughs for mere movement, and  
not for comedy or derision at all. A  
little humor there may be in the earlier  
sense of the word. He laughs at the  
humors and antics of a ruder elder or  
rather more enterprising child; but al-  
ways from gaiety and for interior rea-  
sons of abounding breath and blood.

Granted that a woman has a small  
sense of humor, she still owes her laugh  
to the humorists—even to the unsuccess-  
ful. It is a positive debt. If she  
were held to the duty of criticism it  
would be otherwise; but, as it is, she is  
committed to nothing. Her laugh is  
no evidence in the connection of humor  
and wit, and it is but just that in this,  
too, public opinion should relieve her of  
responsibility. For nothing but an ex-  
pected silence or a half-hearted smile  
should be held really unanswerable. If  
she were to enter upon the way of criti-  
cism she would be more or less unready;  
it might be necessary to explain things  
to her, which confessedly would be very  
dull.

Besides, the laugh of judgment and  
criticism is apt to be, on fit occasion,  
also a laugh too much from the heart;  
it takes deeper tones, and is no longer  
the treble note, undrowned. No; men  
who invent the jokes may laugh at them  
the open laugh of appreciation; women,  
if they would be kind, must be more im-  
partial.

A feminine laugh, too, has to be de-  
corative, and so should be the laugh of  
gaiety rather than of humor. There can  
hardly be a question as to the sweetest  
laugh to be heard among na-  
tions of women—it is surely the French  
woman's. She has the softest warble  
of all. If doves were not so serious,  
they might remind us of Parisian women  
laughing together. The Italian  
laugh is happy enough, but it is not  
quite so independent of the subject of  
laughter; it has a jollity all its own. It  
is somewhat uncivilized, but needs no  
civilizing. But its principal character-  
istic is the contralto tone proper to the  
woman who is to the last somewhat of  
a peasant. The laughter of English  
women is too various for any brief de-  
scription. For English women laugh,  
not according to their race, but accord-  
ing to their caste, as caste has lately  
been revised and redistributed. It may  
be said that in caste also the treble  
note, the ready, the immediate, flits up  
to its own place—the top—and is audib-  
le there, for all its splendid quality.—  
N. Y. Advertiser.

Presidential Peculiarities.

Lincoln was the first president of the  
United States to wear a full beard. Lin-  
coln vetoed three bills. Cleveland in his  
first administration vetoed 278. Lin-  
coln, Jefferson, Van Buren and Polk  
were not church members. Jefferson  
was an atheist almost up to the time of  
his death. Lincoln was deeply reli-  
gious. Of all the presidents' signatures  
Lincoln's is the smallest. In his in-  
augural address (first term) Lincoln  
used the letter "T" 43 times. Arthur  
used it only once. No other president  
used it so frequently as Lincoln. Lin-  
coln's birthday is a legal holiday in  
only five states—New York, Minnesota,  
Illinois, New Jersey and Washington—  
Cincinnati Enquirer.

Change of Fashion.

She had been looking at herself in the  
glass. "I suppose I'll get used to it,"  
she said, "but after what we've been  
through in the last few years these  
tight sleeves actually make me feel im-  
modest."—London Figaro.



TO THE SOUTH.

BOLLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers,  
have another of their popular EXCURSIONS  
TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH,  
where they are selling so much of  
their choice lands near Houston  
and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level  
prairie, most of them new and rich, have never  
had a blow in them. We can sell you cheaper  
and better lands, better terms than any one  
can take exchange in on some of them. Write  
us for circulars. We also do a general exchange  
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fit you with almost any kind of a trade. Espe-  
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the bay from Galveston. Write us for circulars  
and see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ills.  
BOLLEN & LANNING.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

COURT OF HONOR—Regular meeting of  
Decatur District Court, No. 30, this evening  
at 7:30 o'clock in A. E. Hall.  
CLARK, Worthy Chancellor. J. M. BLYTHE,  
Recorder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce FRANK  
SHLADDERMAN as a candidate for Alderman in  
the Fourth ward at the approaching city elec-  
tion.

MARKET REPORT.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 2, 1897.

The REPUBLICAN is indebted to J. L. Taylor,  
dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with cor-  
respondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis  
and St. Louis for the following market quo-  
tations.

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.
Wheat—				
April.....	70½	71	70½	70½
May.....	70½	71	70½	70½
July.....	70½	71	70½	70½
Oct.—				
April.....	25	25½	24½	24½
May.....	25½	26½	25½	25½
July.....	17½	17½	17½	17½
Oct.—	18½	18½	18½	18½
Port—				
April.....	8.65	8.65	8.47½	8.47½
May.....	4.25	—	—	4.25
July.....	—	—	—	4.62½
Oct.—	—	—	—	—

May wheat: puts, 70½c; calls, 71½c; curf,  
70½c.

70-DAY'S RECEIPTS—CAR LOTS.

Wheat—9. Estimated, 12. Year ago, —.

Oct.—79. Estimated, 75. Year ago, —.

Oats—128. Estimated, 115. Year ago, —.

ESTIMATES FOR 70-MORROW.

Wheat, 10; Corn, 14; oats, 17½.

Hog receipts 10,000; estimated, 15,000. Mar-  
ket steady.

Light, \$3.92½; 15; Mixed, \$3.95½; 15;  
Heavy \$3.96½; 17; Hough \$3.98½; 3.30.

Estimated for tomorrow, 12,000.

Cattle receipts, 3,700. Market steady.

NEW YORK MARKET.

New York, April 2.—Wheat, May, 77½c;

Corn, May, 39½c; oats, May, 22c.











# CHAFING DISHES....

with improved regulating Asbestos Lamp. The best dish made. See our new line at prices from \$3.00 up.

Also Chafing Dish Spoons, Forks, Skimmer, Alcohol Flagons and Toasters,

...At \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$3.50...

SEE OUR WINDOW FOR NEW SPRING GOODS.



## Otto E. Curtis & Bro.,

Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at  
156 EAST MAIN STREET.

## New Department ADDED BY THE F. H. COLE SHOE CO.,



SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 3d, we will open up our NEW DEPARTMENT on the second floor which will be of interest to the public, because the public is going to get the benefit.

On the second floor, where we have heretofore kept a portion of our reserve stock, we have fitted up a Bargain Department which is reached by a stairway from the main store. The goods will be displayed on

tables where each lot will be shown, with sizes and price prominently displayed.

The goods are New, of high grade, and are offered at Cut Price for one reason only—to clean up goods accumulated from each season. Stock will accumulate in an up-to-date store. There is only one thing, therefore, left to do with the goods, to move them with the power of price. The time for big profits has passed and the great problem is how to get a big volume of business. The reductions we have made are something startling.

These are a few of the prices which will show you that it will pay you to visit this department.

### NO. 1.

Ladies' Dongola Shoes, Hand Welt Bottom, in Button and Lace, \$2.29, reduced from \$3.00.

### NO. 2.

Ladies' Dongola Button Shoes, in square toe, welt sole, \$1.69, reduced from \$2.50.

### NO. 3.

Ladies' Dongola Lace Shoes, machine sewed, Opera and Square Toes, \$1.44, reduced from \$2.00.

### NOS. 5 AND 6.

Ladies' Dongola Oxfords, in Opera and square toe, 98c, reduced from \$1.50.

### NO. 29.

Ladies' Vici Kid Lace Shoes, needle toe, machine sewed, sizes 2½ to 7, widths A to E, \$1.79, reduced from \$2.50.

### NO. 10.

Child's Dongola Oxfords, Opera toe, Patent, sizes 8½ to 11, at 69c, reduced from \$1.00.

### NO. 13.

Misses' Tan Button Shoes, sizes 1½ to 2, at 98c, reduced from \$1.50.

There will be surprises for the buying public Saturday morning, when this New Department will be thrown open to the buying public.

SIGN OF THE BRASS FOOT TRACKS.

## FRANK H. COLE SHOE CO.

148 East Main Street.

## Cast Your Eye

On this for a Moment.

Do you need a blood purifier? See our Syrup Sarsaparilla Co.—a bottle same size as Hood's—twice as strong. Guaranteed, and only 50c a bottle. Try it.

KING'S DRUG STORE,  
Cor. Main and Water Sts.

## LOCAL NEWS.

See the No. 29.

The new model 29 is a beauty.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St.

Watch other "leading makers" copy the 29.

Irwin's Sarsaparilla is guaranteed to purify the blood.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent, made by John Weigand. Moh 25 ct.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-4th

The Cleveland has led all others in progressive cycle construction for the last five years.

Did you feel the wind blow? Kuny, Johns & Strohm write cyclone insurance. 124 North Main.—1 dlm.

Ask your druggist for the German Catarrh Cure, a positive cure for catarrh, asthma, cough, colds and head ache. mar 16 dlt

Golden Rod Lotion for chapped hands gives satisfaction. For sale at Opera House Drug store.

Remember we have both bulk and canned oysters daily by express until May 1st. Tel. 844. Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.—81 d66

Clark and Sobroll have opened a real estate, land and insurance office in Room 23, Arcade building. All kinds of insurance written. Loans made, money solicited to place upon good city and farm property.—27 dlt

The Decatur fire department is often called upon to put out a fire, which they do with neatness and despatch. But they can't stop a cyclone. Kuny, Johns & Strohm write cyclone insurance. 124 North Water.—1 dlm.

The art and literature division of the Woman's club will have their regular meeting at 2:30 tomorrow afternoon. This is a postponed meeting.

Insurance in first class companies. J. L. Drake, over P. O.

CLYCLONE

## SECURED A JURY.

The Thomson \$5000 Damage Case New on Trial in Court.

The \$5000 damage case of John R. Thomson, administrator, against the Wabash railroad company is now on trial in the circuit court. A jury was secured this morning as follows:

John DeFratras, Frank Keck, S. D. McLean, O. K. Gray, John Sanner, S. T. Nesbitt, Charles Gregory, A. W. Evans, Daniel W. Moore, Horace Pritchett, Otto Belner and James Higby. The attorneys made their statements to the jury this forenoon. It will be recalled that Mr. Thomson's wife was accidentally killed by a Wabash train at the Water street crossing of the road. Thomson began a suit for \$5000 damages but on March 3, unknown to his counsel, he effected a settlement with the representatives of the Wabash, receiving \$100 cash as settlement in full. The parties who settled say that Thomson was sober and knew what he was doing and the effect of the act. They lay great stress on the fact that Thomson, while the money was being counted out, discovered that the sum was \$90 short. He protested and had the error corrected. On the other hand it is claimed that certain parties connived to get Thomson drunk to the end that they might bring about a settlement. Much evidence will be introduced on both sides. Leforge & Lee and David Hutchinson represent the plaintiff and Judge Burnett of St. Louis and I. A. Buckingham the Wabash company.

## DOWN THE MISSISSIPPI.

George Foster Home from a Steamer Trip to Memphis.

George Foster, son of Circuit Clerk Foster, arrived home last night after an absence of ten days, during which time he went to St. Louis on the river steamer, Belle of Memphis. There were 76 other sight-seeing passengers on the boat and they made the journey to Memphis and return. They saw nothing but water, water and distress all the way down the Mississippi. George says the accounts in the newspapers as to the extent of the flood and the suffering are not overdrawn. Much more could be written. Going down the stream they passed a pair of mules standing on a small bit of ground that had not been submerged. On the return trip the mules were still on the patch of ground, head and ears down, slowly starving to death. No effort had been made to rescue them.

## DIED IN HIS YOUTH.

Fred C. Depew Passed Away in Death Last Night.

Last night at 10:45 o'clock Fred C. Depew, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Depew, died of consumption at his home, 788 North Edward street in the 24th year of his age. The deceased was a native of Decatur, born June 22, 1877, and was graduated from the high school in 1894. He contracted a severe cold a year ago and ever since he had been in failing health. Last fall he went to Huntsville, Alabama, accompanied by his mother and remained there until a few weeks ago. Fred was a bright and promising young man who had scores of friends. He is survived by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

## Fresh Vegetables.

There are a good many fresh fruits and vegetables in the market. Strawberries will be rather scarce tomorrow on account of the wet weather but those in the market will be of good quality and will sell from 25 to 30c per quart. New wax beans will sell for about 10 cents per quart. Onions, radishes lettuce and beets sell for 5 cents. New tomatoes are 5 cents each or three for 10 cents. The other vegetables are about the same. Spring chickens sell from 30 to 40 cents each and old chickens for about 12½ cents per pound dressed weight. Eggs are still cheap, any quantity can be bought for 10 cents per dozen.

## Death.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ritter died Thursday, April 1 at the family residence, 968 North Union street. The child was 7 months old. The body was taken to Body this morning and the funeral was held at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the German M. E. church. Rev. Mr. Kies conducted the services and the interment was at the Body cemetery.

## A Broken Arm.

Last night at 10 o'clock while ascending the stairway at her home on North Franklin street Mrs. George Stare fell and broke her right arm. Dr. W. M. Cotto, who was at the home of H. C. Depew at the time was called to the Stare residence to reduce the fracture. The many friends of the lady will sympathize with her in her affliction.

## Installed in Office.

Arthur Gallagher, who was recently appointed to a clerkship in the office of the adjutant general, is now in Springfield. Yesterday he was installed in office. His duties began on the first of April.

Mark Hanna's daughters ride a "Lady Cleveland."

## MONEY TO LOAN.

Most of our real estate loans are made in multiples of \$500, but at present we can make the following loans at 6 per cent interest: \$200, \$300, \$400, \$500, \$600, \$700, \$800, \$1,000, \$1,200, \$1,500. Security must be either choice farm lands or well improved city property with perfect titles. Call and see us.

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## PERSONAL MENTION.

—Miss Laura Tullie is visiting friends in Tusculum.

—G. A. Ahrens went to Ivesdale today on business.

—W. R. Bresie is home from a business trip to Toledo.

—Miss Eunice Drennan is home from a visit to Chicago.

—Miss Leah Dillehunt is visiting relatives near Orona.

—Frank Johnson went to Bloomington today on business.

—Herbert Smith went to Radford this morning on business.

—Miss Mabel Roberts is visiting friends in Taylorville.

—Gordon Damrow went to Clinton this morning on a business trip.

—Clarence Walt has returned home from a business trip to New York.

—Miss Irene Snyder of Moweaqua is in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Ross.

—Miss Katie Pogram of Lincoln is in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. A. T. Summers.

—Foster Waltz, who has been attending the college of dentistry at Chicago, has returned home.

—Professor Shappard, principal of the Decatur high school is home from Galesburg and Chicago.

—Rev. M. L. Wagner, who has been visiting in the city, returned yesterday to his home in Vandalla.

—Dr. William A. Barnes and Mrs. Albert Barnes have returned home from a visit to the winter resorts in Florida.

—Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Wilhelm of Dayton, Ohio, are in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wilhelm.

J. C. Lynch who was implicated in the Zanzie affair, is out of jail. Friends paid his fine and the jail sentence was suspended.

—Elder J. F. A. King of the United Brethren church left today for White Heath, Ill., where he will conduct quarterly meeting.

—Miss Madge Wamsley who is well known in this city, is seriously ill at her home in Philadelphia. It is feared that she will not recover.

—Wesley Rapp, the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Rapp, arrived home this morning from Body where he has been visiting friends for the past week.

—J. E. Saxton who has been traveling in the east for some time past, is expected home tomorrow. Mr. Saxton was quite ill while visiting Philadelphia but he has now almost recovered.

## MUSICAL CULTURE CLUB.

Meeting Held This Morning at the Home of Miss Jessie Montgomery.

The members of the Musical Culture club held a meeting this morning at the home of Miss Jessie Montgomery on West Prairie avenue. It was a Mozart morning, the selections being from that composer. The program as rendered was as follows:

Mozart—Turkish March, Misses Young and Roby.

Fager—Mrs. Yall.

Wagner Listz—Introduction to 3rd act of Lohengrin. Miss Chisholm.

Mozart—Das Veilchen, Mrs. Robert Mueller.

Mozart—Symphony No. 3 Adagio, Miss Cozad.

Hodge—Bye, Baby, Oh Bye, the Misses Durfee.

Mozart—Quartet, Misses Clark and Condon.

The next meeting of the club will be held at the home of Mrs. W. C. Armstrong on the evening of April 19. The members will invite their friends to attend.

## CIVIL SERVICE PUPILS.

Result of the Examination Held in December Last.

W. L. Hancock of the Decatur post-office, secretary of the local civil service board, has received the following report given the department at Washington on the examination of applicants held in Decatur December 5, 1896. The grades are given in the annexed statement.

Carriers—W. B. Woodford, 83.00; W. G. McCormick, 81.80; G. M. Ruble, 80.70; L. Ryan, 79.48; A. T. Davis, 78.40; G. D. Slanker, 77.06; Ira Pettyjohn, 70.00; C. S. Sammons, 66.50; O. O. Crane, 64.15; U. S. Tuttle, 62.85; J. S. Sutton, 59.83; A. R. Reynolds, 58.18; T. A. Mortuary, 56.70; A. H. McDonald, 52.55; C. H. Deetz, 45.48.

For Clerk—T. A. Funk, 92.55; W. E. Mann, 86.70; C. L. Davidson, 83.50; B. E. Bramble, 79.95; R. G. Hanks, 78.60; E. J. Smink, 66.30.

My dinner is not complete without vegetables. You can have pie plant, asparagus, cucumbers, spinach, wax beans, lettuce, celery, cranberries, radishes by calling up 344 Pearl Oyster & Fish Co.

## Surprise Party.

Mrs. John A. Reeve was given a pleasant April 1 surprise party at her home last night. Choice refreshments were served and there were a variety of games. I. D. Stine on behalf of the callers presented Mrs. Reeve a box containing a rag doll. The gift afforded no end of fun.

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## OXFORD WINS.

Result of the Fifty-Fourth Annual Boat Race Over Course Putney was a Clean Pair of Heels.

C. P. HUNTINGTON AGAIN.

Reported that He is in a Plan to Establish an Armor Plate Factory—A Bad Fire in Chattanooga.

Putney, Eng., April 3.—The fifty-fourth annual boat race between Oxford and Cambridge over course Putney to Mark Lake, a distance of four and a quarter miles was rowed today and won by Oxford by two lengths. This gives Oxford eight consecutive victories and 31 out of 54 races rowed. Cambridge won the toss and chose the Middlesex side. At Dukeshead Cambridge led slightly. Five furlongs from the start at Oxford it led by half a length. At a mile and a furlong Oxford led by three quarters of a length. The wind freshened and was piercing cold. It was at the back of the crew the whole way, making the race very fast, giving promise that the record of time would be beaten which was especially due to the fact that Oxford in the trial two days ago covered the course in the record time of 19 minutes and 30 seconds. A mile and three furlongs from the start Oxford led a half length. At Doves a mile and seven furlongs there was no relative change, but Oxford was rowing 38 strokes to Cambridge 33, yet at Doveshire meadow Oxford led by to and a half lengths. Oxford finished two lengths in the lead—time 19 minutes and 12 seconds.

## C. P. HUNTINGTON.

Contemplates Going Into an Ordnance and Armor Plate Plant.

San Francisco, April 3.—C. P. Huntington said, touching the dispatch to the effect that a company of American and English capitalists were to join him in establishing a large ordnance and armor plate factory at his ship building yards at Newport News, that Armstrong, the great English gun manufacturer, desired him to join in such a scheme. He said he was in no hurry to push the matter, but if a company is formed for that purpose he will probably put some money into it.

## Fire in Chattanooga.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 3.—The Richardson building, the largest in the city was burned between 8 and 9 this morning. The fire started from the furnace. The building was a mass of flames when the department arrived. A number of gentlemen sleeping on the sixth floor managed to escape, except Lloyd E. Low one of the wealthiest men in the section and S. M. Patton, one of the most prominent architects in the south. Ewing fell from the fire escape and was killed. Patton's body is still in the ruins. About 100 offices were in the four upper stories in the building. The loss is \$400,000.

## SPANIARDS RETREATED.

Federal Forces Defeated in Matanzas—Ducassal Whipped the Enemy.

Key West, Fla., April 3.—There has been a strong engagement at Montes Serail and Guasimal, Matanzas Province. The insurgents under command of Betancourt, a Cuban leader, attacked the forces of Cuenca of the Spanish army operating in that province. The engagement lasted about five hours, the Spanish forces retreating with a heavy loss and a large convoy of wounded.

Ducassal, the Cuban general who subverted Ruiz Rivera, commanding the insurgent forces of Pinar del Rio Province, has whipped the Spaniards severely at Brujo, attacking forces of Luchana under command of Lieutenant Colonel Perez Blanco. After two hours of hard fighting Colonel Boy and Captain Hidalgo arrived with forces and guerrillas under their command to aid Perez Blanco who was in a critical condition, continuing the fighting for four hours more until a heavy charge at machete ordered by Ducassal made the Spaniards retreat with heavy loss. Lieutenant Colonel Perez Blanco, Lieutenant Huerte and five officers more were killed. Captain Hidalgo was wounded and 49 privates were killed and many wounded. Spanish reports claim a great victory at Caltito, Havana, where the insurgents were defeated by forces under Colonel Moncada who say they attacked the insurgents, making them retreat with heavy loss, capturing arms, ammunition and documents of great importance.

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## CONSOLIDATION.

The Supreme Court Consolidation Bill Passes the House 114 to 21.

## SPRINGFIELD THE LUCKY CITY.

Ottawa's Angry Over the Result—Mt. Vernon Makes No Complaint—It is a Good Thing However.

Springfield, Ill., April 2.—Supreme court consolidation is now an established fact. The consolidation bill as amended by the senate in favor of Springfield was accepted yesterday by the house with practical unanimity.  
There is great rejoicing here over the report and the telegrams poured in from lawyers from all parts of the state congratulating the legislators on their triumph for consolidation.  
The bill with the amendment naming Springfield instead of Ottawa for the permanent location passed the senate without opposition. It was then rushed over to the house and passed by a vote of 114 to 21.

All attempts heretofore made to locate have excited much opposition, and created some bitterness on the part of the people of interested localities, hence citizens of Springfield held aloof from the controversy this time, and made no organized effort to secure the passage of the bill.

The feeling was, of course, quite general that the court ought to be permanently located and that it ought to be at the capital, but the locating bill was not a Springfield measure and was put through the legislature mainly by the efforts of senators and representatives from other parts of the state.

The following telegram was received from Ottawa:  
Ottawa is greatly angered over the defeat of the supreme court bill in the legislature. It had been promised to the Ottawa delegation by members of the senate to the number of thirty that they would vote for Ottawa on the second reading of the bill yesterday, but it seems that the hand of Governor Tanner had in the meantime been raised against Ottawa and the result proved that his power in the senate is almost supreme.

Ottawa sought to defeat the bill in the house but found the influence of the governor present there also. It is considered here that the action of Governor Tanner proceeds from his antipathy to the Hopkings men, headed by Appellate Clerk Duffy, who opposed him in the last campaign.

Mr. Vernon telegraphed as follows:  
Mount Vernon, Ill., April 2.—While citizens of this place regret the loss of the supreme court, they have realized for several years that it was only a matter of time when consolidation would be effected. The pecuniary loss to the city will be small, as the appellate court for this district still meets here and brings more business than the supreme court.

The terms upon which the transfer of the ground was made upon which the court house is erected will cause a reversal to the Casey heirs, as it was deduced simply for supreme court purposes.

The retention of the appellate court will keep the library, which is one of the best in the state, at this point and that is worth a great deal to the southern Illinoisans.

The Bill Signed.

Springfield, Ill., April 2.—Governor Tanner this morning signed the bill consolidating the supreme court at Springfield.

## CONTEMPT FOR THE CONCERT.

General Disrupt Expresses in the British Press—Greece Encouraged.

London, April 2.—(Press Publishing Company.)—The most significant feature of the Cretan situation at least so far as Great Britain is concerned, is the continued presence of the London Times gives to its special correspondents, both at Athens and on the frontier, to denounce the policy of the concert of Europe. Government even though the Times is, it gives its most conspicuous place this morning to such expressions from its Athens correspondents as these:  
"The concert of Europe is rapidly falling into contempt. The pillaging of the property of the Christians in Crete apparently goes on unchecked, and bands of Bushi-lazouks continue to make predatory excursions. The exasperation among the insurgents is increasing and the powers are now regarded by them as allies of Turks. Six or eight weeks ago a force of marines from the fleet might have traveled across the island without molestation, but that is not the case now. Let us from Crete state that the insurgents

have some to regard the European troops with the same hatred as the Turks and it is certain that so long as the Turkish army maintains this feeling will increase."  
The correspondent practically urges that the only reasonable solution of the question is, after all, a mandate to Greece to restore order.

The London Chronicle, discussing the proposed blockade of Athens, goes so far this morning as to say:  
"The powers, including England, have made war inevitable. In war Greece must take her chance. She will face her fate as bravely, as honorably as she has faced the bullying of Europe and the blackguardism of the chancellors; but the people of England must, at least for shame's sake, see that she is handicapped by no blockade."

Several correspondents this morning intimate that all the admirals, except the Russian admiral, have come to be disgusted with their orders but since the public rebuke in parliament to the British admiral the other day for writing to the Times they naturally are reticent about discussing the situation.

## HELIOGRAPHED TO KING GEORGE.

Vassos Makes a Report and Follows It With a Protest.

Athens, April 2.—Colonel Vassos, commander of the Greek forces in Crete, has heliographed the following message to King George:  
"Contrary to their promises the admirals have permitted bands of armed Mussulmans at Candamo to pillage and burn houses outside the town, while every act of defense on the part of the Christians provokes bombardment by the foreign war ships. The admirals send their governments false dispatches declaring that I am guilty of cruelty, that I have massacred the prisoners taken at Malaxa, and that, despite my solemn declaration to the contrary I intend to attack Candamo. I shall address to the admirals an energetic protest."

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## PROF. INGLIS STRICKEN.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Seized with Apoplexy.

Springfield, Ill., April 2.—A telegram was received here yesterday from Milledgeville, Whiteside county, stating that Samuel M. Inglis, state superintendent of public instruction, had been stricken with a partial stroke of apoplexy and for his wife to come at once. Professor Inglis was attending the county teachers' institute at Milledgeville.

Samuel M. Inglis, state superintendent of public instruction, was elected as a Republican to this office in 1894. Before his election he was a teacher of English literature and rhetoric in the southern Illinois state university at Carbondale. He was born in Ohio, but came to Illinois while still a young man. He was a soldier in the Union army and since 1885 became engaged with credit to himself in educational work. In 1881 he was made trustee of the university at Carbondale and in 1888 was made professor of mathematics at that university. For eight years previous to his election to the state office he taught the English branches and won a great reputation among the educators of the state.

## London Annual Field Games.

London, April 2.—The annual field games between the universities of Oxford and Cambridge took place today. The 100 yards dash was a dead heat between C. P. Thomas of Oxford, and F. L. Carter of Cambridge. The time was 10 1/5 seconds. The 120 yard hurdle race resulted: E. S. Garner, Oxford, first, Time, 16 3/5 seconds. The mile run, H. F. Hoard, Cambridge, first, Time, 4 minutes, 27 3/5 seconds. Putting 16-pound shot, J. H. Bullock, Cambridge, won, 37 feet 6 1/2 inches. Bullock afterwards put the shot 38 feet, 5 inches. Running high jump, dead heat between E. O. Carlow, Oxford, E. H. Cholmley, Cambridge, 5 feet, 7 5/8 inches. Quarter mile run, G. Jordan, Oxford, won, time 49 4/5 seconds.  
Throwing 16 pound hammer, J. A. Halliday, Cambridge, won, 97 feet 9 inches; long jump, C. C. Wassal, Oxford, won, 23 feet 7 inches; three mile run, J. F. Freeman, Oxford, won, time 14 minutes 47 1/5 seconds. This gives Oxford the games by a score of 4 to 3 with two ties.

## Insurgents Defeated.

Monte Video, Uruguay, April 2.—The national troops defeated the insurgents with heavy loss today.

## WERE HUNG TO-DAY.

Four Murderers in New Mexico Pay the Penalty for Their Crime.

## AUSTRIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

Report that a Body of Cubans were Defeated—A Terrific Explosion in Pennsylvania in Which No Lives were Lost.

Santa Fe, N. M., April 2.—Francisco Gonzalez, Y. Borrego, Antonio Gonzalez, Y. Borrego, Sauriano Alarid and Patricio Valencia, condemned to death for the murder of ex-Sheriff Frank Chavez, who was killed from ambush the night of May 30, 1892, were hanged together on one scaffold this morning. The men executed belonged to a political gang who stopped at nothing for the accomplishment of their purpose. Chavez met death while endeavoring to bring them to punishment. The date of the execution has been several times postponed by the president of the United States.

All four were hanged together, taking a six foot drop through one trap. The prisoners passed a restless night, the guards saying that not one even turned in his sleep. The death warrant was read at 7:30 and was received by the doomed men facetiously. On the scaffold none showed the slightest weakness. They made no statement except a request that the sheriff does not fail to remove all traces of the cause of death before the bodies are turned over to the families. Their necks were all broken except Valencia, who died of strangulation. The funeral will take place Sunday from the Cathedral.

## Cabinet Resigns.

Vicenza, April 2.—The Neue Freie Presse says the cabinet has resigned, owing to the failure to form a coalition with the progressist groups forming a majority.  
Spanish Reports as to Cuba.  
Madrid, April 2.—Advice from Manila says the Spaniards have again defeated the insurgents, killing 200. It is rumored in the chamber of deputies that General Gomez, the commander of the Cuban army, is suing for peace.

## A Terrific Explosion.

Shamokin, Pa., April 2.—All the buildings of the Shamokin powder company were wrecked by a terrific explosion early this morning. No lives were lost, all workmen having gone home. Bowlders weighing 200 pounds were thrown through the houses half a mile away.

## CAPT. SOMERVILLE INSTALLED.

New Superintendent of the Quincy Soldiers' Home Takes Up the Reins.  
Quincy, Ill., April 2.—The new board of trustees of the soldiers' home—Colonel Sexton of Chicago, Captain Niles of Sterling and W. O. Wright of Freeport—met yesterday and installed Captain William Somerville of Quincy as the superintendent of the institution. There are many applicants for all the positions at the home, but the only appointment made today was that of surgeon, which went to Dr. R. H. Jones of Clay county.

## Convict Killed by Lightning.

Waynesboro, Ga., April 2.—A flash of lightning here last night killed Frank Dent, the eleventh man in a row of convicts. Dent was strung on a chain with ten companions when death came suddenly. The batch of eleven convicts were working in a field late in the evening when a severe storm came up. The guard quickly strung the gang upon a long chain and hustled them toward a tree. Dent was at one end of the chain, while the other end was made fast about the tree, thus securing the crowd. A bright flash came and in an instant the tree was in splinters. Snapping and sizzling the current leaped from the tree along the links of the chain, making a crackling noise as it went. The flash blinded the gang and long before the sulphuric smell passed away the convicts awoke from the shock to find Dent, on whom the current stopped, dead, and two others badly burned.

## Jealousy Causes a Tragedy.

Lexington, Ky., April 2.—News from Hyden, Leslie county, is to the effect that Tom Ogilthorpe, a prosperous farmer, accused his wife of intimacy with Henry Snyder, a farm hand, and the wife left him. Ogilthorpe then hunted up Snyder and shot and killed him and then killed himself.

## Cabinet Meeting.

Washington, April 2.—The cabinet today spent most of the time considering the matter of the twenty-one forest reservations ordered by Cleveland shortly before the close of his administration. The conclusion reached, if any, is not known.

## AN OFFICE HORROR.

Fiendish Murder of C. L. Hastings in a Lawyer's Office at Jacksonville.

## FOUND DEAD COVERED WITH BLOOD.

Assassin's Attempt to Make It Appear that His Victim Committed Suicide—Former Business Associate Under Arrest.

Jacksonville, Ill., April 2.—A fearful tragedy took place in this quiet city Sunday night, and the most distressing feature of the affair is the suspicion which points to one of the most exemplary citizens of the place. Charles L. Hastings, an abstract clerk in the law office of Judge E. P. Kirby, was found in the office yesterday morning dead, with over 100 cuts on his body and the room showing evidences of a fearful struggle. The walls and furniture were smeared with blood, and on the floor could be seen traces of the struggles the man had made to save his life. The cutting was evidently done with a pocket knife and to cover his tracks the assassin had cut the wrists of the murdered man so as to convey the idea of suicide, but the body had too many wounds in the back which could not possibly have been made by the man himself.

The large vault in which the books of the office were kept was the first scene of conflict. On both the outer and inner doors were blood marks, and on the inside shelves were the same ghastly traces. From there the combatants had struggled around the room, as shown by the blood marks on the walls and desks, to a point near the door. There the murdered man had evidently hoped to escape by taking out his keys and unlocking the door, and it was there that he received the heaviest blow, which caused the blood to spurt on the wall and run down in streams. The door is at the end of the apartment and there he had caught the knob, but a final cut finished him. The blood was sent through under the door into the hall beyond, on the stairway down to the street, blood stains being found on the street door, both on the outside and inside.

Hastings was generally a very quiet man, but some time back he and C. L. Draper had been employed in the same office, and had had a disagreement, and Draper had resigned and set up an abstract office of his own, and, being an expert, had built up quite a good business. Rumor has it that some one acquainted with the lay of the land had been inside the vault a number of times the past few months and had mutilated the books and other contents, and Mr. Hastings had determined to ferret out the intruder. It is supposed that whoever he was was detected in the vault which showed the blood stains and the contest took place as told.

Mr. Draper is a most exemplary gentleman and the suspicion seems too horrible to be entertained, but after the testimony before the coroner's inquest was heard it was deemed proper to lock him up without bail. He is the father of a lovely daughter and his wife is one of the most estimable ladies in the city, and it seems impossible that he should have committed the deed, though suspicion is pointed closely toward him.

Hastings was a native of Vermont and was 51 years old. He was a graduate of Eastman's business college at Poughkeepsie, and a cultured gentleman. Some years ago he went to Minneapolis and engaged in the real estate business in company with Howard Turner, but failed and came back to his former place with Judge Kirby. His failure seemed to sour his nature, though he attended strictly to business and gave up society almost entirely.

At a late hour last night the coroner's jury adjourned until Saturday. It was understood that there was considerable sensational testimony but it is being kept secret. At the jail Draper's clothes were taken from him and examined and showed many blood stains, and the contents of some pockets were smeared.

## Two Pardons by Tanner.

Springfield, Ill., April 2.—Governor Tanner has pardoned George Walker out of the Joliet prison to which he was sent from Whiteside county in 1895, on a plea of guilty to horse stealing. In granting the pardon the governor says:  
"A careful examination of the facts show that the value of the horse taken was insignificant, so small that had the crime been other than horse stealing he would have been convicted of no graver offense than petit larceny. The presiding judge believed the sentence imposed was unduly severe, and strongly recommended the

pardon. He is joined by the states attorney and others, also the man from whom the animal was stolen. In view of these facts, the pardon is granted."

Governor Tanner has also pardoned Mordecai Baker out of the Chester prison, to which he was sent from Effingham county in March, 1897, on conviction of assault to kill. In granting the pardon the governor says:  
"The crime is alleged to have been committed in the fall of 1896, and the matter is fresh in the minds of the people. The seeming unanimity with which the people of the locality come in person, petitions and letters, asking for executive clemency, immediately following conviction strongly impressed me. The assault grew out of a personal difficulty, in which both were at fault but in which Thomas Gerbel seemed most at fault. If Gerbel had lost his life in the encounter, Baker's crime could have been but manslaughter, if that. His conviction, therefore, of assault with intent to kill, makes it a case for executive clemency. The presiding judge relates the fight and holds Baker acted on the defensive. As nothing has been received in opposition to clemency the conviction that Baker has been punished enough is strong enough to grant his freedom."

## ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE.

The House Gets Into a Tangle over the Board of Pardons Bill—Democrats Break a Quorum.

Springfield, Ill., April 2.—The proceedings in the house this morning were uneventful until Needles, chairman of the committee on appropriations, called up Fuller's bill creating a state board of pardons and making an appropriation for its maintenance. Johnson, Democrat, of Whiteside, at once objected on the ground that the bill is not essentially an appropriation bill.

Craig, Democrat, moved to postpone the further consideration of the bill for a week, but this motion was voted down. The bill was then read and Needles moved it be made a special order for next Wednesday immediately after reading of the journal. Johnson, Democrat, of Whiteside, moved to table this motion and with the other Democrats demanded the yeas and nays. The roll was called and the Democrats except Bear, Huffman and Salmans, refrained from voting. This left the house without a quorum as only 64 members were present. Sherfman, Democrat, moved to adjourn, but the motion was voted down and the speaker directed the clerk to proceed with house bills on second reading.

Johnson of Whiteside, and other Democrats now began an uproar for recognition but the speaker took no notice of them.

"Don't look at them," shouted the members on the Republican side.

"They are not present," said the clerk. The clerk proceeded to reading the bills the second time, but the confusion was so great that his voice was completely drowned. Pandemonium prevailed for a few minutes when Selby, Republican, was recognized and made a motion to adjourn. The motion carried and the house stood adjourned until Wednesday morning at 10. During the uproar the speaker ordered the pardon board bill advanced to a third reading and it will probably be called up on that order next Wednesday.

## "LITTLE PHIL" APPOINTED.

President McKinley Makes General Sheridan's Son a Cadet at West Point.

Washington, April 2.—President McKinley wrote a note to Mrs. Sheridan at a few days ago asking her to call at the White House at her earliest convenience and she went there yesterday. He told her that he had heard of her desire to have "Little Phil," who is now 17 years old, appointed to a cadetship at West Point. Mrs. Sheridan replied that it was the great dream of her life and that she had asked ex-President Cleveland to appoint him, but he had declined to do so, and she was about giving up hope.

"I wouldn't be discouraged if I were you," responded the president. "I sent for you in order that I might have the pleasure of telling you myself that I have already signed his appointment, and suggest that he ought to be preparing for his examinations in June."

Mrs. Sheridan murmured her thanks the best she could but was almost overcome with mingled surprise and gratitude. Fred Grant Will Decline.

New York, April 2.—Colonel Fred Grant has decided to decline McKinley's offer of the position of first assistant secretary of war.

## Danger in Minnesota.

St. Paul, Minn., April 2.—The river is 2 1/2 feet above the danger line and still rising. There has been no loss of life here and on property it will not be heavy.

## Condition Unchanged in Dakota.

Huron, S. D., April 2.—The flood conditions are unchanged. A heavy rain fell last night and the river is still rising.

The city of Peoria has erected a pest-house near the workhouse. The small-pox suspects will be quarantined there on their arrival from New York.

## QUORUM NOT VOTING.

The Democrats and Boiling Republicans Fearing Hunter's Election, Broke a Quorum.

## HIGH RIVERS STILL RAGING.

New Crevasses Break in Louisiana—Dangerous Conditions in Mississippi—Conditions in North are Not Improving.

Frankfort, Ky., April 2.—The twenty-second ballot for United States senator developed no quorum. The Democrats and Republican bolters declined to answer fearing the Hunter followers were about to put up a job on them.

## River Rising in Minnesota.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 2.—The Mississippi river is rising slowly but the situation is not serious except to logging companies and fleet dwellers. The squatters on the west side state are in a critical condition. Scores of families are evicted by the flood. At South St. Paul the stock yard situation is most serious. Forty thousand sheep have been moved from the feeding barns to higher ground. The water put out the fires under the boiler rooms and packing houses. The levee is threatened. If this goes it is feared the whole extensive plant may be undermined and perhaps swept away.

## New Alarm in Mississippi.

Greenville, Miss., April 2.—That part of the city exposed to mound crevasse is suffering the woes incident to a flood. This morning some 700 families are surrounded by water. Last night the citizens in that part of the town dynamited the railroad tracks at half a dozen places to let water into the country east. This checked the rise temporarily, but when the outer basin fills the rise will begin again. The water from the Lake Lee break is already coming up from the south and the two floods have met. A fleet of skiffs are scouring the country hourly bringing in loads of refugees. Today's river bulletins cause much additional alarm. If the high water from Cairo comes down together with the continued heavy rise at St. Louis it means widespread destruction to the delta at all points south of the Pembroke report.

## Weather Bureau Reports Rise.

Washington, April 2.—The weather bureau has issued a special bulletin saying the Mississippi river has risen throughout its entire length except a slight fall at Memphis and vicinity, owing to the crevasses below. No further breaks of the levee are reported.

## A Levee Break.

Raceland, La., April 2.—Last night the levee on the left bank of La Fourche, four miles below Lockport, gave way and is now a hundred feet wide. The strain all along the bayou has been relaxed by this crevasse. The fall here is one foot.

## A CHICAGO ROBBERY.

A Messenger Boy Beaten Into Insensibility in Chicago at Noon and Robbed of \$3000.

Chicago, April 2.—A daring robbery was committed in the business district about noon. A messenger boy named Schultz, employed by the wool firm of Kuh, Nathan & Fisher was robbed of \$3000 after being beaten into insensibility by two men, one of whom was sent with the boy to protect him and the firm's money. The robbers escaped. The messenger is in the hospital at the point of death. Edward Wilson is the name of the man sent with the messenger. He was frequently before accompanied by him when carrying thousands of dollars.

Schultz and Wilson were carrying the treasure in a covered wagon when a man on the sidewalk spoke to Wilson and after some words climbed into the wagon, taking a position behind Schultz. He, without warning, struck Schultz on the head and stunned him, then, with Wilson they bound and gagged him and drove to Twelfth street and took the money and made off. An hour passed before any one discovered the bound and gagged boy in the bottom of the wagon.

## Strike in St. Louis.

St. Louis, April 2.—Five hundred clothing manufacturers' employees struck today for a restoration of wages which were reduced last fall under promise to be restored this fall.

## The Bicycle Race.

Washington, April 2.—At noon the bicycle race was: Schock 3992, Albert 3304, Goldman 3270, Cassidy 1292, Lawson 1187, Ritters, 894, Ford 561.

## Steamer Sunk.

Columbia, Ala., April 2.—The steamer Griggs struck a snag and sank in the Chattahoochee at midnight. Five are reported drowned.